

REMARKS

In this response, the Applicant has canceled claim 18 and has amended claims 1 and 17. Thus, claims 1-10, and 12-17 are pending in the application and presented for examination. The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for withdrawing the restriction requirement and for finding the allowable subject matter in Claims 17 and 18. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response To Objections To The Specification:

The foregoing amendments to the specification correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. The amendments do not add new matter to the application and overcome the Examiners objections. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Request For Allowance Of Claims 1-10 and 17:

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 17 and 18 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The features of Claim 18 have been incorporated into independent Claim 1, and Claim 18 has been canceled. Claim 17 has

been rewritten as an independent claim to include the limitations of previously presented Claim 1.

In view of the amendments to Claims 1 and 17, the Applicant respectfully submits that these claims, as well as claims 2-9 which depend from Claim 1, are in condition for allowance and requests allowance thereof.

Response To Objections To The Drawings:

The Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's objections to the drawings. The Applicant submits herewith a corrected drawing sheet that more clearly depicts the engine controller operatively connected to the valve; no new matter is added by this correction. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the corrected sheet.

CONCLUSION

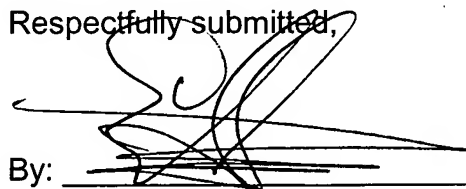
For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance.

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The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the objections and rejections in the application and to place the claims in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this paper or application, or if any undeveloped issues or questions remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve such issue or question. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,



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